

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Brownfield
November 9, 2010

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks, Erik Walker & Cindy Willets

Others Present: Scott Burnell, Frank Day, Steve Goldsmith, Richard Perreault and Tara Warren

The Selectmen met in workshop mode around 5:30 P.M. and then entered into the business portion of their meeting at 6:03 P.M. Paperwork was reviewed and approved.

Chief Perreault reported a very busy night for the Fire Department during the wind and rain storm Sunday night into Monday morning. Trees had to be cut up and removed from the roadways. Center Conway Road and Chamberlain Road were totally impassable until cleared up. A Representative from EMA met in Denmark to help write the grant to apply for funding for the upgrade to narrow banding. The paperwork will be forwarded to the Selectmen for signing. Tomorrow morning Engine 2 will be going to Ossipee for repair and general servicing. It should be back in operation late in the day. The fire tank was installed in the new subdivision on Dugway Road and it should be filled with water later this week. This is a cement tank that won't rust. If a leak is ever found, American Concrete will come back to fix it. Winter access will be maintained to it by the property owners.

Steve Goldsmith, Fryeburg Rescue Chief, was in attendance to discuss anticipated changes to the way Fryeburg Rescue is run. Currently the total number of calls is divided by the number of calls to each town and then each town is billed for that percentage of the budget over a ten-year average. From January to December of last year, Fryeburg Rescue responded to 113 calls in Brownfield. From January to October of this year, Fryeburg Rescue has responded to 128 calls in Brownfield. There is one full-time EMT on call at the Rescue Barn Monday through Friday from 8 AM – 5 PM. In future, Fryeburg Rescue would like to have two EMT's on call from 6 AM - 7 PM and another two on call from 7 PM - 6 AM. Brownfield actually has more "First Responders" than any of the other member towns but it is getting harder and harder to find volunteers. It may be time to start billing users as most other towns in the state do. However, Chief Goldsmith stressed that Fryeburg Rescue still wants to respond to all in need, even if they don't have insurance and can't afford to pay. It is estimated that income from insurance companies would be around \$190,000 a year. A billing service would handle all the paperwork and only one bill would be sent out. If a user does not have insurance or is unable to pay, a second bill would not go out. Chief Goldsmith thanked members of the Fire Department for their cooperation and assistance when needed.

The week of October 25th was mostly spent hauling sand. On Thursday, vehicle maintenance was done and gravel was hauled to the upper end of Old County Road. Frank took last week off using up most of his comp time. Ernie and Jeff did shoulder work on Sam Brown Hill Road on Monday and Tuesday, worked on Dugway Road on Wednesday and cut brush and got vehicles ready for the winter on Thursday. The PW

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Department will not be working next week but Frank will be available if needed. All are taking a week's vacation. The septic tanks at the Substation and Town Office were pumped earlier today. Probably the tank at the Community Center should also be pumped. The tank will have to be located first and Julie will check into this.

Cindy gave the other Selectmen an Employee Evaluation Form for their review. A couple of changes were recommended and will be implemented. It was determined that each employee will fill out an evaluation form and their supervisor and each Selectman will fill out an evaluation form on each employee.

Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to adjourn at 6:55 P.M. All were in favor. Those interested were invited to go to the Community Center for a presentation on fund raising for the Rec. Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins
Town Administrator